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Exelon Corporation Announces Lower Earnings Outlook

Chicago (September 27, 2001) -- As a result of economic and market weaknesses and volatile energy markets, Exelon is reducing its 2001 earnings guidance. Exelon previously issued guidance that its third quarter 2001 earnings per share (EPS) would represent 30%-40% of its \$4.50 EPS target for 2001. Exelon currently expects its third quarter earnings to be in a range of \$1.10 to \$1.20 per share. Pro forma third quarter 2000 EPS (assuming the merger occurred on January 1, 2000) was \$1.27. Given reduced expectations for the third quarter and the recent economic uncertainty, Exelon's full year earnings guidance is being reduced to a range of \$4.30 to \$4.45 EPS. Exelon's core operations continue to perform well. The nuclear fleet has operated above target with a 96% capacity factor through August 31. Energy Delivery operations have provided improved reliability with below-budget expenditures, and merger-related synergies continue to be on target for \$148 million in savings this year.

Factors influencing the company's results are as follows:

After very strong first and second quarters, weather-driven reductions in energy-market prices and volatility adversely affected Exelon Power Team performance in the third quarter. In addition, Generation recorded an increase in its reserves for litigation of \$14 million in the quarter.

The company has identified approximately 450 positions for elimination above the 2,900 positions previously announced in conjunction with the merger. Additional severance charges will be incurred in the third and fourth quarters related to the 450 positions. In the third quarter the severance charge is approximately \$30 million and the fourth quarter charge is estimated to be \$18 million. As a result of these additional position eliminations, operating costs will be lower going forward.

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Exelon Enterprises has experienced weakness throughout the year in a number of its businesses related to the downturn in the telecommunications market. In the third quarter, it anticipates a \$36 million write-down of its investment in Corvis, a telecommunications equipment manufacturer. The Corvis shares were received through venture capital fund investments. Margins in Exelon Infrastructure Services are greatly reduced, due to the fall-off in telecommunications infrastructure build-out across the country. Growth in this business group is severely restricted. The downturn has also limited new investment opportunities.

"Our performance in the first half of the year was very strong and exceeded the market's expectations. We are disappointed in the market conditions that affected power marketing and Enterprises. While we instituted cost-containment efforts to address the economic weaknesses in the third quarter, the revenue impact of recent events cannot yet be quantified," said Corbin A. McNeill, Co-CEO.

John Rowe, Exelon Co-CEO, said, "The world has changed significantly over the course of this year, but the fundamentals of our core businesses remain strong. We met our commitments to our customers by keeping the lights on and improving reliability. The original EPS target, while a significant challenge today, has the full focus and attention of Exelon's management."

Exelon expects to release third quarter results before the financial markets open on October 23, 2001.

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